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| Disposition of Claims | | · | | | |
| 4) Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are pending in the application 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or Application Papers 9) The specification is objected to by the Examine. | vn from consideration. r election requirement. r. | | | | |
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| Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 | | • | | | |
| 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. | | | | | |
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DETAILED ACTION

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1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

- 2. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The arrangement of the various axes and planes are not described in a clear and definite manner. For example, Figures 4 and 5 appear to show the axes 6 and 7 in a contradictory manner. In Figure 4, axis 7 appears to lie in the plane of the element 3, while in Figure 5, axis 7 appears to be perpendicular to element
- 3. The arrangement of the axes are also unclear, since it seems that the mutually perpendicular planes containing the axes will rotate as the rod/joint rotates, so it is not clear how one plane will extend through an axis of the frame and the axis of the rod.
- 3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

 The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
- 4. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 3, the term "possibility" is considered to be vague and indefinite since it raises the uncertainty if the related "rotation" and "oscillations" are being positively claimed. It appears a term such as "a capability of" would be more accurate.

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In claim 3, it appears that the aerodynamic surfaces have been incorrectly claimed, since the remainder of the specification and drawings fail to show them as claimed. In particular, "at least two aerodynamic surfaces" are claimed to be mounted on a single cardan joint. It appears that each aerodynamic surface should be claimed to be mounted on a respective cardan joint.

In claim 3, lines 8-10, the arrangement of the axes are unclear, since it seems that the mutually perpendicular planes will rotate as the rod/joint rotates, so it is not clear how one will extend through an axis of the frame and the axis of the rod.

- 5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Eberhardt, Curci (3,246,861), and Curci (3,762,669), and Larsen are cited as being of interest since they disclose aircraft with pivoting surfaces.
- 6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Woodrow Eldred whose telephone number is 571-272-6901. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner

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